Centre, Delhi and Petroleum Conservation Research Association opined that the test procedure followed by Central Fuel Research Institute was not a standard one as specified for such devices. So there is no apathy on Government's part.

Swan Catchment Treatment Project

3963. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Swan Catchment Treatment Projects with an outlay of Rs. 469 crore to be undertaken in Himachal Pradesh has been approved by Government ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether work on the project has since commenced ;

(d) if so, the details thereof with progress made as on 30th June, 2001 ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) The project "Swan River Flood Management and Integrated Land Development Project--Phase--I" in District Una in Himachal Pradesh has been considered acceptable by the Planning Commission on 30-3-2000 for investment in the State plan with an estimated cost of Rs. 102.72 Crore at 1999 price level.

The work on the aforesaid project has since commenced. Work done upto 30-06-2001 as reported by the State Government comprises 2 km. of earthen embankment and 800 m. of wire crated apron in the left bank, 1 km. of earthen embankment and 150 m. of wire crated apron in the right bank besides catchment treatment works by the Forest Department comprising planting of 58,500 trees of different varieties in 50 hectare of land and vegetation of bank.

Master Plan for protection of Majuli Island

3964. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the implementation status of the Master Plan for physical protection of Majuli Island ; and

(b) the amount sanctioned so far, amount utilized and target achieved in regard to each of the executing agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) and (b) Flood Management being a State subject, flood control projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Government themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities, Brahmaputra Board under Ministry of Water Resources has prepared a Detailed Project Report titled "Protection of Majuli Island from flood and erosion" estimated cost of Rs. 243.65 crore. The scheme envisages construction of new land spurs, strengthening of existing embankment and construction of new embankment and sluices. Brahmaputra Board has constituted an Expert Committee to study and assess the feasibility and viability of the project proposal. The Committee after visiting the erosion affected areas of Majuli suggested some modifications in the detailed project report. No expenditure has been incurred so far on this scheme.

Further, as per the information received from the State Govt. of Assam, the State Govt. has taken up three nos. short term Flood Management Schemes for protection of Majuli Island. The implementation status/target, amount sanctioned and amount utilized on these three schemes are as under :

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned	Amount utilized	Implementation status/target achieved
1.	Strengthening of check bund at Dakhinpat	42.00	42.00	Completed in June, 2001 (100%)
2.	Construction of dewel bund along P.W.D. road from Kamalabari to B/dyke and from Dakhinpat to Kamalabari, Phase–I	49.00	49.00	Completed in June, 2001 (100%)
3.	Protection of Kaniajan area from the erosion of river	4.00	4.00	Almost 96% work is completed